
MARCH 27, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Saturday next.

A Bill,

To prohibit the introduction of slaves into the Mississippi territory, and the territory of Orleans.

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1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled,* That it shall not
3 be lawful for any person, or persons, to import or bring into the
4 Mississippi territory, or the territory of Orleans, from any port, or
5 place, within the limits of the United States, or to cause, or pro-
6 cure, to be so imported, or brought, or knowingly to aid, or assist,
7 in so importing, or bringing, any slave, or slaves, who shall have
8 been imported since the first day of January, one thousand eight
9 hundred and three, into any port or place within the limits of the
10 United States, or who may hereafter be so imported, from any
11 port or place without the limits of the United States; and every
12 person, or persons, so offending, and being thereof convicted, be-
13 fore any court within the said territories, having competent juris-
14 diction, shall forfeit and pay for each and every slave so imported,
15 or brought, the sum of five hundred dollars, one moiety for the

16 use of the United States, and the other moiety for the use of the per-
17 son, or persons, who shall sue for the same; *Provided*, That no-
18 thing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent any citizen
19 of the United States, removing into either of the said territories for
20 actual settlement, from carrying with him any slave or slaves that
21 he shall be the bona fide owner of, at the time of such removal.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act, or
2 acts, as are repugnant with this act, shall, from and after the first
3 day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be repealed; and
4 the residue of said act or acts, shall continue in full force until
5 repealed.